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TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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TAGS: MASS, ML

SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF, FMS TRUCK PURCHASES

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1. BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOM/ MFA, MALIAN EMBASSY MADE
VERBAL AGREEMENT PURCHASE THIRTY- SIX (36) DODGE DIESEL
RPT DIESEL ENGINE, SINGLE BODY UNITS, MODEL D600 SERIES,
WITH SPARE PARTS ESTIMATED FOR ONE YEAR' S OPERATIONS, FOR
DELIVERY ABIDJAN. LATER, AMBASSADOR TRAORE TOLD CHRYSLER
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EXPORT SALES REPRESENTATIVE THAT HE PREFERRED DELIVERY BAMAKO VIA DAKAR AND DAKAR- NIGER RR. CHRYSLER UNABLE TO GET FIRM ESTIMATE ON INLAND SHIPMENT COSTS, AND TOLD THAT FOR UNKNOWN REASONS DELIVERY DAKAR VICE ABIDJAN WILL COST ALMOST AN EXTRA 190 DOLS PER UNIT. DIFFERENCE IN MARITIME FREIGHT COSTS WOULD BE MET BY REDUCING AMOUNT OF SPARE PARTS. THUS, MOST CHRYSLER ABLE TO OFFER IS DELIVERY EITHER PORT, BUT NOT BAMAKO, AND GOM WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INLAND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS SEPARATE FROM TRUCK PURCHASE CONTRACT AND FMS CREDIT.

2. MALIAN EMBASSY CHARGE ADVISED MAY 30 THAT GOM MINDEFENSE ALLEGEDLY JUST HAD CONTRADICTED MFA INSTRUCTIONS, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MALIAN EMBASSY TO SIGN ANY PURCHASE CONTRACT UNTIL DIFFERENCES RESOLVED, VERBAL AGREEMENT WITH CHRYSLER NOTWITHSTANDING. AFTER PHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TRAORE IN CANADA, CHARGE TELEXED BAMAKO TO REQUEST RESOLUTION APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MFA AND MINDEFENSE OVER PROPOSED SALE. FYI: BASED ON VERBAL UNDERSTANDING, CHRYSLER ALREADY SENT SEVERAL TRUCKS TO BODY WORKS FOR APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS. END FYI.

3. PLEASE POINT OUT TO MINDEFENSE DOUKARA URGENT NEED FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOM INSTRUCTIONS TO MALIAN EMBASSY WASH. D. C. REGARDING PURCHASE. RUSH

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